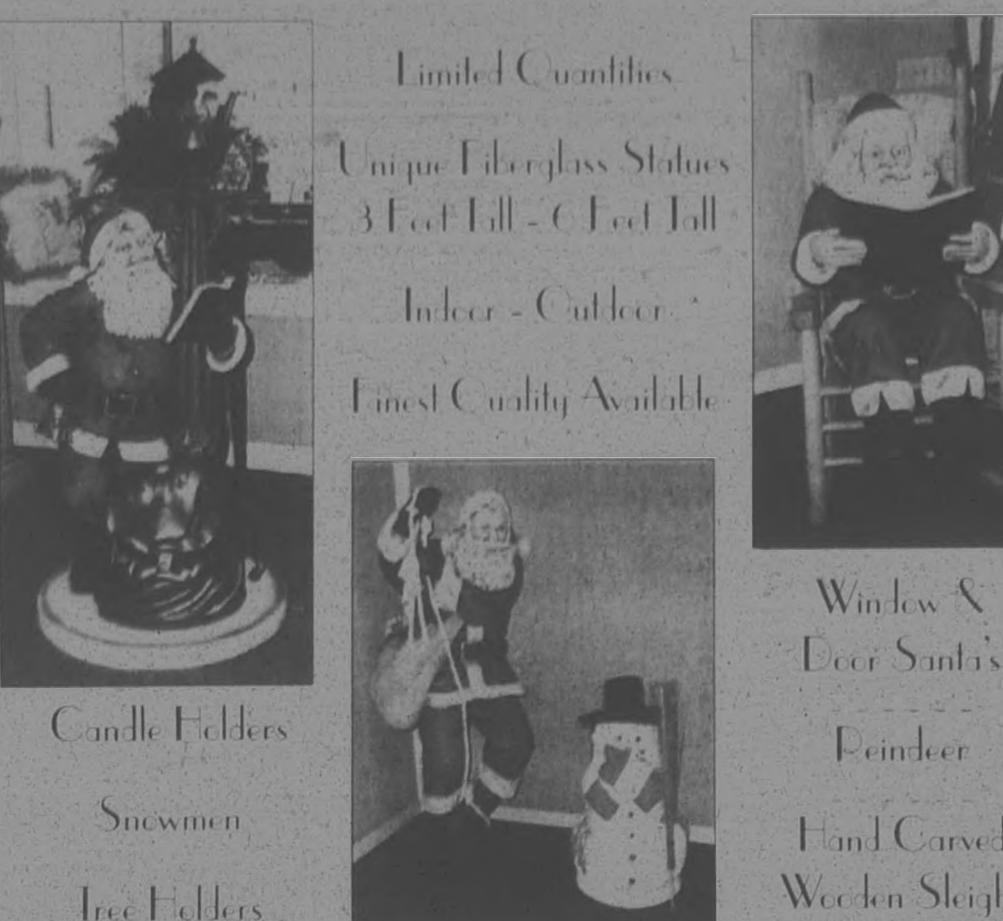


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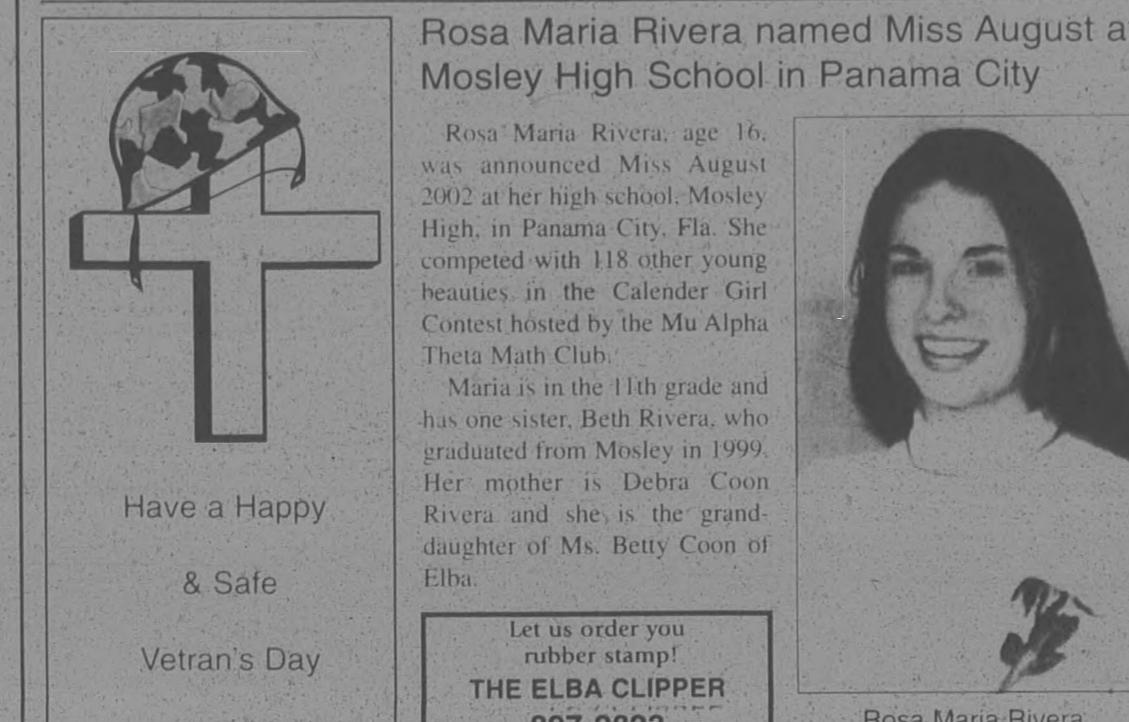
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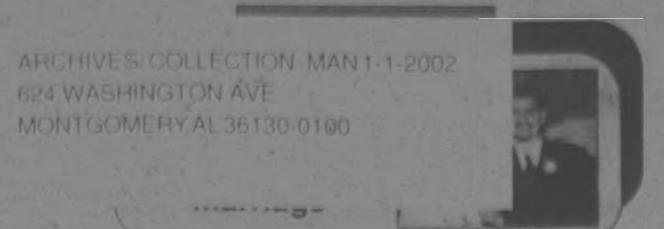
## COMMUNITY NEWS



**HALLOWEEN SPOOKSTERS.** Things were quite spooky at the Elba General Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 31, as the halls were filled with some unusual characters. These special guests were found roaming all over throughout the day, and they were actually caught on camera in the emergency room. In this picture, Dr. LB Coffin (Linda Blair) checks on the status of the Mummy (Kerry Johnson) as the Lightning Victim (Loretta Smith), the Cat Burglar (Dolly Kelley), the Cereal Killer (Missy Craig) and Happy the Clown (Jill Jimright) watch the action.



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## Local man arrested on drug charges following routine traffic stop

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although one traffic stop appeared to be routine last Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, the Elba Police Department soon found it to be much more than simple traffic violation as it led to the arrest of an Elba man on drug charges.

Elba Police officer Tody Pierce stopped Michael Booth, age 43, of Elba, for a routine traffic violation; however, Booth was arrested after he allegedly was found in possession of alcohol and methamphetamine.

Elba Police Chief, R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said Booth then gave police officers permission to search his residence at Beaver Dam Apartments where more drug related items were discovered.

## Kinston man receives thirty year sentence

A Kinston man received his sentence on Tuesday, Oct. 30, after pleading guilty to domestic violence, first degree in the Coffee County Circuit Court, Elba Division.

Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, age 20, was sentenced to 30 years in prison by Judge Tom Head after the state accepted a plea during the middle of his trial.

Wilkerson was charged in October of 2000 in connection with the severe abuse of his infant daughter.

At that time, then Kinston Police Chief Jerome Cobb said this was one of the worst cases of child abuse he had ever seen during his years in law enforcement.

Initially, the baby was reported to have a broken arm, bruises, tears around the vaginal area and burns on her body. She was admitted to Children's Hospital in Birmingham from Andalusia Regional Hospital where she remained for five weeks.

Upon the recommendation of the commission, Tindell said he had been working closely with the county attorney, financial advisor, Whit Armstrong, and engineer Mark Pugh in looking at all the options available and

With the opening of a new landfill in Brundidge on Nov. 1st, County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that Coffee County is facing a different situation now than one year ago. He said the landfill has served the county well for the past eight years, but the county must now look at all of its options since competition has arrived.

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He then presented a proposal from Waste Corporation of America, Inc. (WCA) of Houston, Texas for the purchase of the Coffee County Landfill.

Armstrong provided commis-

sioners with a copy of the terms proposed by WCA in the proposal for purchase. The terms included:

• WCA will indemnify the county for all liability arising out of WCA's ownership and management of the landfill and occurring after the purchase.

• As soon after the consummation of the purchase as possible, the county will enter into a disposal agreement with WCA, for the disposal of all of the county's waste (over which the county has control) for a term of three years, and shall commit to good faith efforts to continue this disposal agreement for subsequent three year terms.

The price for disposal shall be equal to the county's current income rate and shall be subject to annual increase equal to the change in the CPI.

• In addition, WCA will pay Royalty of \$1 per ton of out-of-county waste disposed at the landfill.

• The county will use its best efforts to assist WCA retain all of the landfill's current customers at current volume and price.

The county will work with WCA to increase the volume of disposal at the landfill.

• The county will work with ADEM to remove service area restrictions in the permit.

• In order to ensure continuity, WCA will hire all existing qual-

ified landfill employees and will retain or future waste streams into the landfill.

• WCA commits to operate the landfill in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations.

• The county will establish a landfill oversight committee to ensure WCA's operations are in compliance with such laws and regulations.

The committee will consist of the chairperson of the commission, the county engineer and an independent engineering firm selected by the commission.

The committee will have the authority to levy fines on WCA for final findings of violations that have not been remedied within agreed upon time frames.

The county will assist WCA secure a legitimate disposal agreement at current POTW.

Also, Armstrong said the pro-

posals indicated that WCA re-

quests that the county provide its representatives access to the county books and records to the

landfill. With this, WCA

agrees to treat confidentially all information concerning the landfill received from the county.

After reading the proposals from WCA, Armstrong told commissioners that the advisory group had talked with a lot of people in the industry that said the Coffee County Landfill is as well managed and attractive as any, but the disadvantage seems that it is located in a small market and all of a sudden their is direct competition in the

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## Area Happenings

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.** The high school playoffs enter round two action this week with the Elba Tigers being the only local team still competing. The Tigers will travel to Birmingham on Friday, Nov. 16, to take on the Tarrant Wildcats. Kickoff for the game will be 7 p.m.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.** The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a community-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. This service will be held at Westside Baptist Church and will be a time of prayer, praise and celebration of the goodness of God to the community, nation and world. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and join in thanking the Lord for His wonderful blessings.

**BLOOD DRIVE.** An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2249 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

**OPERATION SANTA CLAUS.** Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

## \*NOTICE\*

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for next week's paper.

The holiday deadline schedule for the Nov. 22nd edition of the paper will be as follows:

Church and Social news will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

All other news will be due by noon on Monday, Nov. 19.

The deadline for advertising will also be Monday, Nov. 19, at noon.



## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

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### Special Persons Bazaar 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 15

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**Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

The New Testament speaks of Christians going from house to house and breaking bread daily. Was this the Lord's Supper? It so often refers to the Lord's Supper only partaken of on the first day of the week since?

G.B. Brantley

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship; and in breakings of bread, and in prayers (Acts 2:41-42). When the people had eaten their fill, Peter stood up and said, "Men of Israel, hear ye the word of Christ (Acts 2:36). They asked Peter and the rest of the apostles what they were to do (Acts 2:37). Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38)." As we read from above that gladly received the word spoken by Peter obeyed the gospel. They were added unto the church and ate their fill. After the meal, Peter spoke to them and then they continued faithfully unto those teachings taught by the apostles. One of these things mentioned that they continued steadfastly in was in breaking of bread. It does not say at this point how often they did it. What was this breaking of bread? If it is something they did being steadfast in keeping the apostles doctrine then it must have been something authorized by the Lord (John 14:26; Matthew 26:26-28). The Lord multiplied the five loaves and two fish (Matthew 14:13-21) and the Lord took bread and broke it in (Corinthians 11:24) saying that it represented His body and commanded that it be partaken in remembrance of Him (1 Corinthians 11:24). Paul said to the church at Corinth that as often as they did eat the bread and drank the cup they were doing so, showing the Lord's death till He come (1 Corinthians 11:26). How often were they to do it? We have the example of how often the church is to partake of the Lord's Supper, and that is on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This breaking of bread as mentioned in Acts 2:42 is the Lord's Supper and it is to be partaken on the first day of the week. To be continued next week.

Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to write the sources of the Elba Church of Christ. Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

**IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN**

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Larry Trotter, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

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Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

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Ebie Phillips-Copes, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Ebert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

**CHESTER GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Larry Gill, Pastor

Church Service.....9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. William Frank, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Discretionary Training.....5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Danny Sherer, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....7:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**The Perry's to be in concert at Country Cathedral November 29**

The Perry's will be in concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East, Opp, Thursday, November 29, 2001. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be no charge for admission. A love offering will be received. Pastor Charles Dye is singing all to attend.

**Gospel Sing planned at Shiloh Baptist Church**

Shiloh Baptist Church will be hosting a gospel singing on Saturday, November 17, 2001. Supper and fellowship will be at 6:00 p.m. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Williamson Family from Crestview, Florida. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Planning meeting to be held for A.M.E. churches Saturday, November 17th**

Presiding Elder J. F. McCloud will hold his planning meeting for the A.M.E. churches of the Ozark District on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Parks Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dothan.

The morning message will be delivered by the Reverend Fred L. Flowers, Pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba. Rev. Horace J. Fritchard Jr., Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ozark, will serve as Presiding Officer.

Music will be rendered by the Ozark District Youth Choir under the direction of Pastor James Corbin of the churches in the Florida Lockhart Circuit.

**Arts and Crafts Show to be held December 1 at St. Columba Catholic Church**

The St. Columba Catholic Women's Club will hold their Annual Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, December 1. The event will be held in the Parish Hall directly behind the church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Using the Microcomputer-Level 1 being offered at ESJC**

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest courses. Using the Microcomputer-Level 1 will be offered in a second session this fall semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer, keyboarding, basic computer operations and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining

a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work place and educational environment are components. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" diskette to the first class. The course, the second of two sessions offered this fall semester, is scheduled for

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Pastor L.P. Carter will be the speaker at Rocky Hill Missionary Baptist Church (3735 Highway 125 N.; P.O. Box 181 Elba, Alabama 36323; 334-897-2210).

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# SCHOOLS

## EHS plans Powder Puff Football game

by Brittany Daniels

Every Friday night, Elba Tiger fans from all around come out to support our fighting Tiger football team.

However, within the next few weeks, there will be done something different. The EHS Journalism Staff will organize Elba High "Powder Puff" Football game tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 16 at 10:15 a.m. The senior girls will challenge the sophomore and junior girls in a flag football game. The sophomore, junior and senior boy athletes will serve as cheerleaders and coaches while the game will be officiated by EHS faculty. Admission to the game will only be \$1.00.

This will be a great opportunity for EHS's school spirit to shine, and it will be a fun experience for everyone involved.

## Seniors attend Career Day at ESJC on Nov. 8

by Stephanie Sasser

On November 8, 2001, the LHS Seniors attended "Career Day" at Enterprise State Junior College.

The students had the opportunity to meet with over 100 career area representatives and discuss future career opportunities and plans. Careers represented ranged from healthcare to the legal system to the Air Force.

The Senior class is well on its way to future success.

## Journalism staff seeks old photos

by Katie Grimes

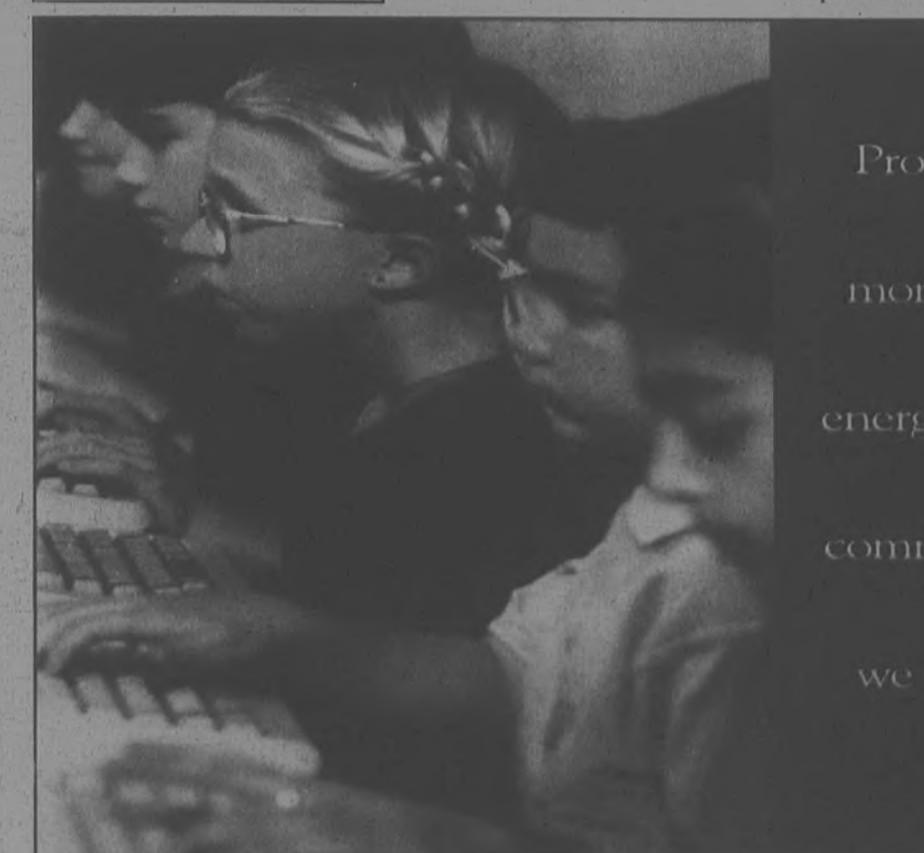
The EHS Journalism Staff is saying busy creating the 2002 edition of the Elba High School yearbook that will showcase the best of Elba High School throughout the years.

## WCC Fine Arts department presenting "See How They Run" through Nov. 17

The Wallace Community College Fine Arts Department will present "See How They Run" - November 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Benze Theatre in the Wallace Campus in Dothan. The three act play is a farce based on the popular theatrical

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## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Katie Grimes

## EHS Ambassadors take trip to ESJC

by Gavin Mauldin

On Thursday, November 1, 10 of the 12 EHS Student Ambassadors went to Enterprise State Junior College for the Mentors Leadership Workshop. The workshop was sponsored by the EJC Mentors.

The workshop consisted of three concurrent sessions: Time Management, Interview Skills,

and Team Building. All of these sessions focused on ways students can become leaders and contributing members of society. The lucky ambassadors who went on the trip include: Austin Boothie, Gavin Mauldin, Wesley Kelley, Brittany Daniels, Evan Maddox, Stephanie Sasser, Miranda Russell, Brandon Wade, Katie Grimes, and Katie Crowe.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Charly Barlow



## SALUTE!!

by Katie Grimes

This week's Co-Op spotlight focuses on Shannon Lee Winters. Shannon is a 17-year-old senior at Elba High School. She is the daughter of Rex and Donna Messick. Shannon is employed at Elba City Schools where she answers the phone and does paperwork for Elba High's VICA chapter.

Shannon is an officer in VICA. She likes dancing as her main hobby. After graduation, Shannon plans on going to college and majoring in Dance Pedagogy.

## EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Katie Grimes

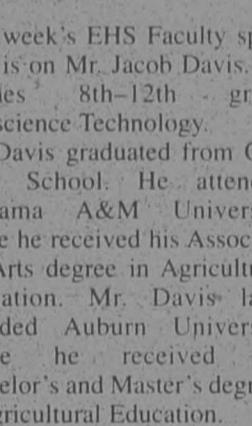
The teacher in this week's spotlight is Ms. Patricia K. Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson teaches kindergarten classes at Elba Elementary.

Ms. Nicholson graduated from Elba High School. She furthered her education at Huntington College where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree. Ms. Nicholson later attended Troy State University. Early Childhood Certification and her Master's degree.

Ms. Nicholson's family consists of her son Kimbo and her

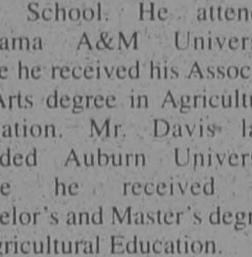
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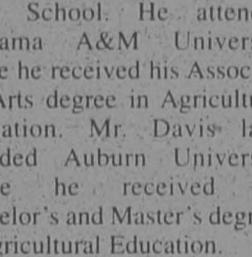
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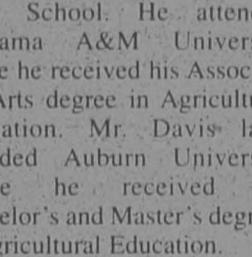
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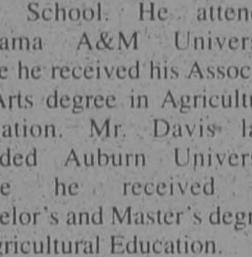
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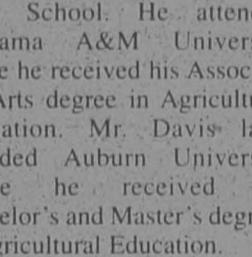
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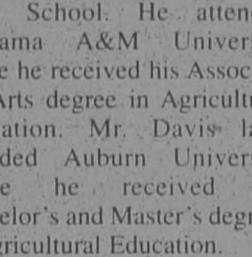
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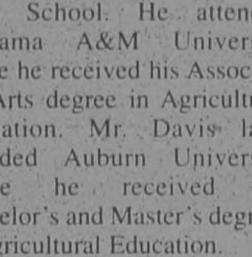
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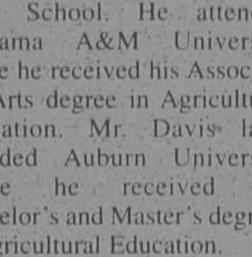
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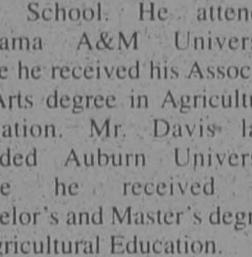
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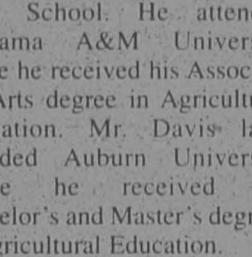
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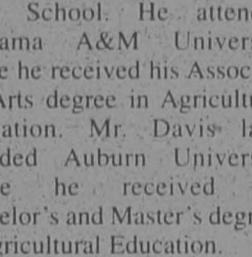
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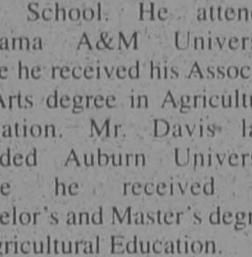
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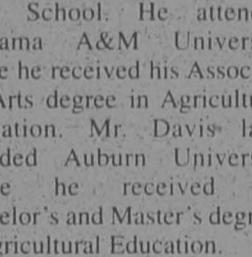
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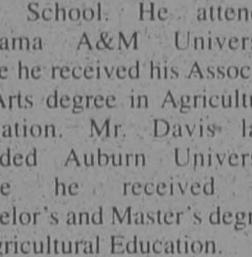
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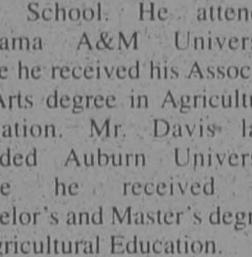
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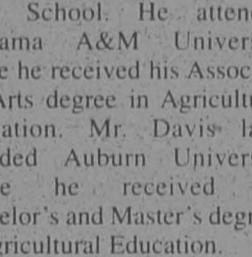
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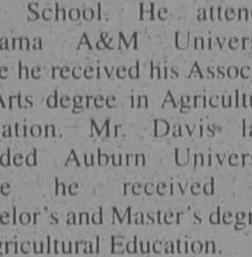
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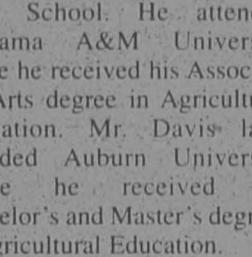
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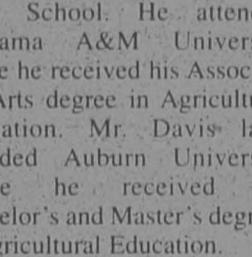
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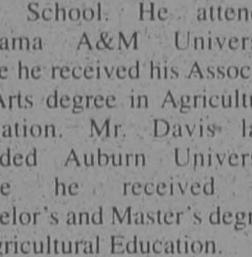
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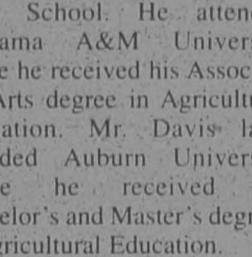
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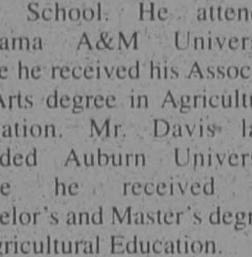
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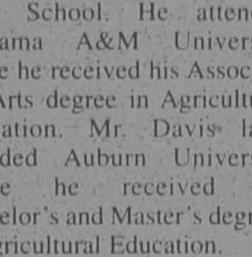
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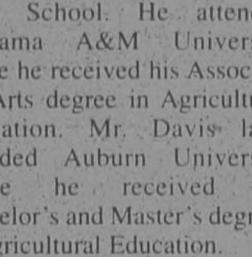
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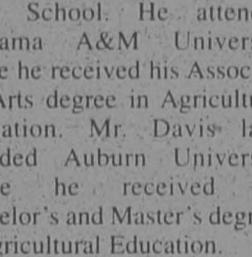
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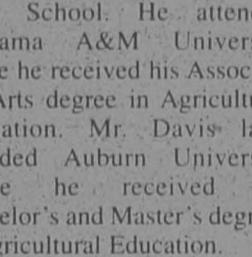
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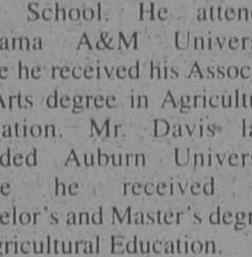
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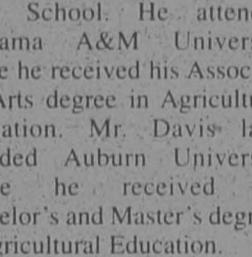
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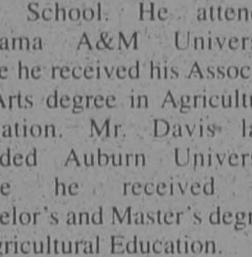
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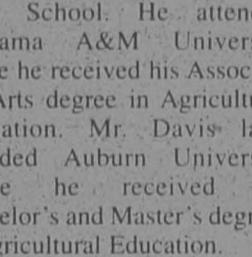
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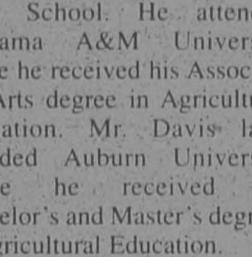
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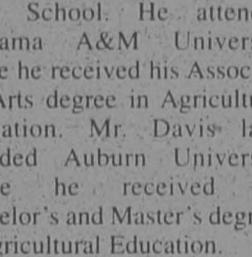
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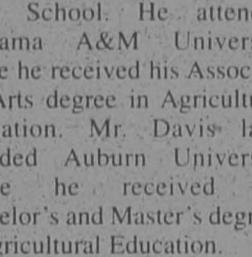
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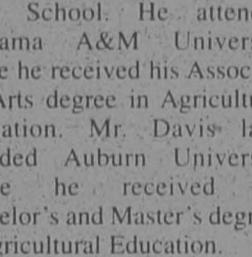
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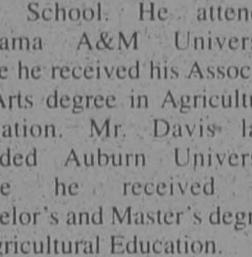
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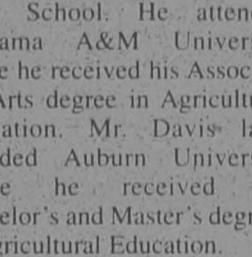
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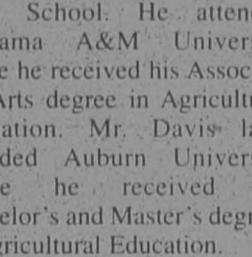
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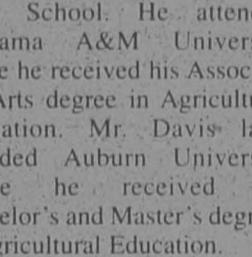
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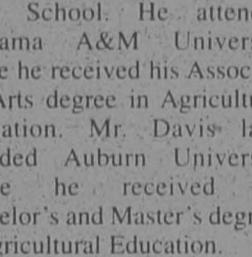
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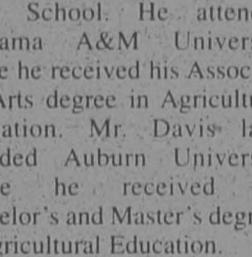
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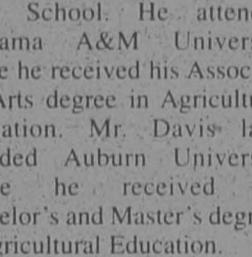
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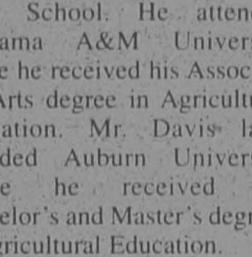
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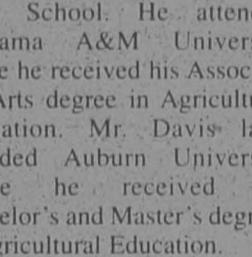
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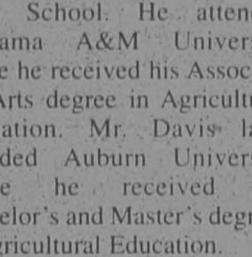
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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It always seems like the Mularz girls need more clothes or shoes about this time every year, which means I either have to wait a few extra weeks until Christmas, or go ahead and let 'em get some early presents. The problem is that anything bought this early is already old by the time Christmas rolls around, and never counts as a present. Maybe I should make pictures to remind them of the early gifts.

### ELBA TIGERS SURVIVE OPENING ROUND SCARE

The Elba Tigers gave a large home crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they defeated the St. Clair County Saints 27-12 in the opening round of the 3A football playoffs. The Tigers made it look easy early as they jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead, but watched as the Saints returned two punts for touchdowns in the second quarter to close the lead to 21-12, and then had to scrap and fight throughout the final 15 minutes to hold on and claim the win. It wasn't always pretty, but it was a playoff win, and proved once again that the Elba Tigers are back in the 3A circles.

The Elba offense used its quickness early, in the first half to break two long plays that helped the Tigers go ahead 14-0 after just two possessions. A 63-yard run by Quinton Moultrie on the first play from scrimmage set up the first Tiger touchdown, while a 55-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Todd Horstead went the distance for the second score of the stanza. The Tigers' lead went to 21-0 midway through the second quarter, and it was again the Tigers' speed and blocking in the offensive line that paved the way. The offense was out of sync in the second half, but came up with two big first downs in the fourth quarter after being backed up inside its own one, and then scored late to put the win on ice. The second half struggles kept the Tigers from rolling up a lot of yardage and putting more points on the scoreboard; however, it was obvious to everyone in attendance that the Elba offense did have speed.

The Tiger defense tossed a shut-out against the high-scoring Saints and really made the St. Clair running backs pay every time they carried the ball. Marcus Henderson had some big hits from his linebacker position, while Michael Reed also had some big hits and knocked down at least two passes. Kyle English had two interceptions and both were 30+ yards, as he first set up a Tiger touchdown and the second stopped a St. Clair threat in the Elba endzone. The Tigers were supposed to have problems with the high-powered Saints attack, but Friday night the Tigers took charge early and led the way as Elba claimed the big playoff win.

Elba head coach Mike Waters was ejected from the game after a controversial play in the second quarter involving a fumble, and his absence was very noticeable in the second half as the Tigers struggled on offense and seemed confused at times along the sidelines. Sometimes you have to get burned before you believe the pot is hot, and Friday night I am sure Coach Waters learned his lesson the hard way if you want to talk bad about an official, do so facing the stands.

The win was just another step in the Tigers' trip back after five straight losing seasons, and was an impressive win over a very good opponent. Several out-of-town fans that talked with after the game were surprised and impressed with Elba on both offense and defense, and they all agreed that the Elba Tigers were back and ready to go on the prowl. There is still much work to do. However, the foundation has been laid and everything seems in place for the work to continue. It was another chapter in the comeback story of 2001, and hopefully the book is still a long way from being finished!

### PLAYOFFS NOT TOO KIND FOR TWO AREA TEAMS

The high school playoffs opened last week and both area teams made an early exit as the Kinston Bulldogs lost to Maplesville 14-20 and the Brantley Bulldogs were blanked by Reeltown 28-0. Here's a quick look back.

**KINSTON (6-5)** - The Bulldogs battled the highly-favored Red Devils on even terms through three quarters before falling 41-20 in a game that made all Bulldog fans proud to wear the orange and blue. Kinston wasn't given much of a chance against the 1A power from Maplesville, but proved early on that they had come to play, and battled until the final horn. The fifteen seniors on this year's team made history on the football field down at Kinston High, and while they were all disappointed in losing, they put Kinston Bulldog football back on the map.

**BRANTLEY (5-6)** - The Bulldogs gave Reeltown all it could handle for the opening half, but finally wore down on defense and were eliminated by the highly-ranked Rebels 28-0. Brantley battled tooth and nail for all four quarters and never once backed down, but in the end it was the same story as in most of the Bulldogs losses as Brantley just couldn't generate enough offense to give the defense a rest. Brantley had a very young team this season, and you know the six losses won't sit well with the Bulldogs as they work to get ready for next season. Unless I miss my guess, Brantley will be back and will be ready for revenge very soon.

### OPENING ROUND OF PLAYOFFS INCLUDE SURPRISES

The opening round of the high school football playoffs are always filled with surprises, and such was the case again this year as players, coaches and fans found out that when the regular season ends, it is really over. Here's a look back at the opening round...

**CLASS 1A** - The biggest upset on paper was G.W. Long's loss to Isabella 22-15; however, while the #1 Rebels were a strong team, they weren't anywhere close to being the top team in the state. Pleasant Home was shown an early exit in its first playoff game ever as Autaugaville punished the Eagles 24-14, while McKenzie was shocked at home by (3-7) Sweet Water 20-17.

**CLASS 2A** - The biggest surprise to me was Goshen's 28-21 win over Eufaula, followed closely by Red Level's 21-15 road win over Southern Choctaw. Both teams had very good seasons', but very few football fanatics expected either team to still be around for week #2 action. Another mild upset was Houston Academy's 10-2 win over Ranburne.

**CLASS 3A** - The biggest surprise here was Luverne lost at home to Ashville 33-31, in overtime. The Tigers had been winning big all season long, but lost for only one week in the playoffs. Elba's 27-12 win over St. Clair County was an upset to many state sports fans. It was Washington County's 21-6 win over B.B. Cooper. However, those two teams survived in a very tough region war and were obviously ready to hang heads with some other cities.

**CLASS 4A** - Andalusia getting wiped out 31-7 by Handley was a mild surprise, but that was really the only upset in the 4A circuit. Some surprises were Daleville scoring 62 on Sumter County and Jackson battling to a 13-7 loss to Trinity.

**CLASS 5A** - The favorite pretty much survived here in 5A, but there were a few surprises, such as Benjamin Russell putting 49 on the board against Blount, Homewood blasting Etowah 63-26 and Greenville hanging tough in a 19-13 loss to Oak Mountain.

**CLASS 6A** - Dothan's 21-20 loss to McGill-Tooten really surprised me, but as far as the other games went, that was probably the only real shocker. Maybe the people down near Mobile were shocked that 9-1 Mary Montgomery was hammered by Opelika 45-2, but it was only a surprise to them.

### QUICK KICKS...

\*\*\* I was very proud of the large crowd on hand for Elba's 27-12, home win over St. Clair County, and the loudness of the crowd reminded me of the early days of the past. The fans cheered loudly when the Tigers made a big play, and booed the officials off the field at halftime after a controversial call in the half resulted in Coach Waters being ejected. Elba fans know that they can make a difference, and Friday night they did!

\*\*\* I know Coach Mike Waters very well and assure you he was genuinely embarrassed after being ejected from the game Friday night. Coach Waters has worked countless hours to put pride back into the Elba Tiger football program, and Friday night he simply got caught up in the moment and the officials heard something they weren't supposed to hear. Coach Waters has done far too much good for the Elba program to hold such a thing against him, and I know the fans are still behind him 100 percent.

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# SPORTS

## State high school football playoffs ready for second round action

Following are playoff pairings for this week's second round of the state high school football playoffs. All games will be played on Friday night at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

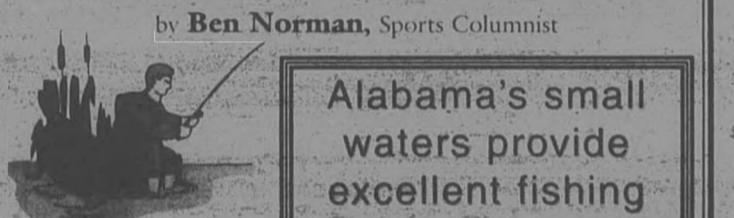
### CLASS 1A

Reeltown (10-1) at Sweet Water (4-7)  
Carrollton (10-1) at Autaugaville (8-3)  
Mapleville (9-2) at American Christian (8-3)  
Linden (8-2) at Isabella (8-3)  
Hazlewood (6-4) at Notasulga (7-4)  
Collinsville (7-4) at Brilliant (10-1)  
Wadley (10-1) at Courtland (6-4)  
Parrish (8-2) at Cedar Bluff (10-1)  
**CLASS 2A**  
Leroy (11-0) at Houston Academy (8-2)  
Goshen (8-3) at Horseshoe Bend (7-4)  
Lineville (9-2) at Red Level (8-3)  
Straughn (8-3) at Houston County (11-0)  
Mortimer Jordan (10-1) at J.O. Red Bay (9-2) at Gordo (9-2)  
Ochatchee (10-1) at Fyffe (11-0)  
Vincent (9-2) at Addison (11-0)  
West End (9-2) at Pickens County (8-3)  
**CLASS 3A**  
Aliceville (10-1) at Ashville (9-2)  
Pike County (8-3) at Springville (11-0)  
Elba (7-4) at Tarrant (11-0)  
Laneet (9-2) at Washington County (8-3)  
Lauderdale County (8-3) at Litchfield (11-0)  
Plainview (7-3) at Sheffield (11-0)  
Locust Fork (8-3) at Hokes Bluff (9-2)

### Let's Go...

### Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Alabama's small waters provide excellent fishing

Fishing Alabama's large impoundments from sleek, comfortable bass boats is a thrill that will never grow old to Alabama anglers. But the truth is, many of us don't have the time or financial means to fish the big waters as often as we would like. Don't despair; some of the best fishing both in actual numbers and size of fish, is within a few miles of most of us.

Fair Point, creek, rivers, and old mining pits often receive light fishing pressure and abound with large bass, bream, crappie and catfish. The last 50 years has seen the construction of thousands of farm ponds across the state. Many are open to the public on a pay-per-day basis or may be leased by a fishing club that has room for new members. Either way, these small waters offer an alternative to time-consuming, expensive trips to the big water.

Small local waters can be fished with a Jon boat, canoe, float tube or from the bank. Many ponds have concentrated cover and aquatic vegetation that can be fished with anything from a large spinner to a small dry fly. It often takes hours to get ready to go to the big water. But just keep a rod and small tackle box in the trunk or tool box and you can get in a few hours of fishing on the way home from work.

Wading is a productive way to cover farm ponds and streams. Many farm ponds will usually have at least one area that bank fishermen can't get to. Hip boots or chest waders will allow one to get to more honey holes than you ever thought possible. Access to some areas of a pond is so grown up in briars and other vegetation that it receives little fishing. One of the best tools for getting into these spots is an inexpensive machete. Cutting a trail to the otherwise inaccessible areas won't take much of your fishing time and you will likely be well rewarded for your efforts.

Any bank, natural or artificial, may produce fish is small water at some time, but paying particular attention to water clarity can increase your catch. Ponds that are fed by stream that run through swampland or heavily forested land before it gets to a pond will often have a dark brown tint due to the tannic acid in the water. Lures with a green or green-yellow color will be more productive in tannin stained waters. Murky waters often give up more fish to noisy lures such as rattling plugs, worm rigs with a rattle attached, or other vibrating lures that will help a fish zero in on the bait.

Farm ponds are the ideal place to take a youngster on their first fishing trip. Many Bass Classic winners started their career on a farm pond with just a cane pole, a can of worms, and a caring adult.

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Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) cuts outside the block of Marcel Stamps (22) and finds room to run. The Bulldogs were eliminated in the opening round of the Class 1A playoffs 28-0 by the Reeltown Rebels.

## Brantley makes early exit 28-0

By Greg Brunsom

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an end in the opening round of the Class 1A state football playoffs with a 28-0 loss to the Reeltown Rebels.

Reeltown led only five plays to the end zone, with the score coming on a 19-yard keeper on the option by L.A. O'Neal.

Johnson booted the extra-point, and with 4:39 remaining the Rebels were on their way to a win with a 21-0 lead.

The Rebels scored again with only 12 left to make the final margin of victory 28-0 over the Bulldogs.

Reeltown was led in rushing

by the combo of Jacques Bryant and Joe Mack. Hucherson

Bryant gained 199 yards on 21 carries, while Hucherson added

133 yards on 20 totes.

Midway through the fourth quarter Jamay Jones grabbed a fumble for the Bulldogs and set sail for the endzone. Jones scored to apparently put Brantley back in the game.

However, the Dogs were flagged for clipping on the return, and the much needed touchdown was wiped off the scoreboard.

Brantley put the ball in play at

with 10:33 left in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs took the ensuing kickoff and drove from their own 20-yardline to the Reeltown 12.

The seventeen

play drive covered 68 yards and ate up almost seven minutes off the clock.

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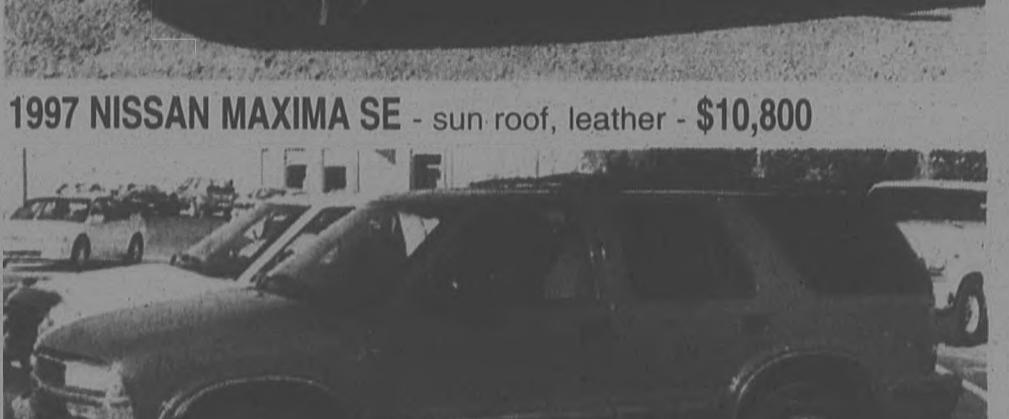
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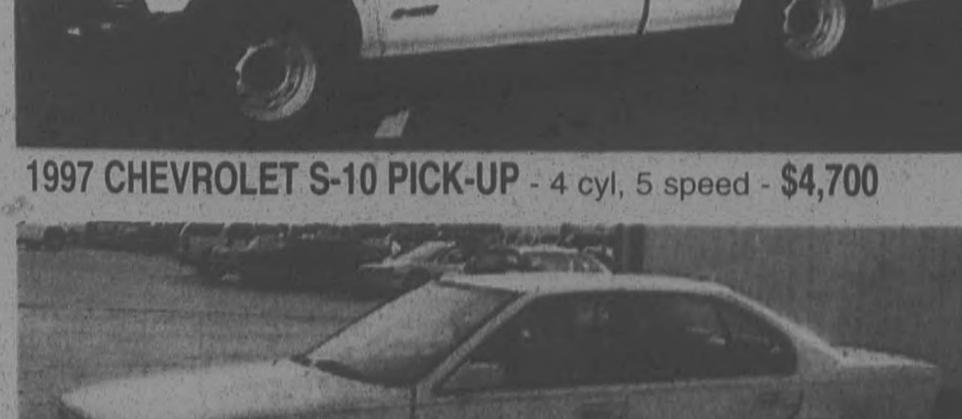
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## Kinston receives "good news" about Senior Citizens Center



Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holly delivered a message from Governor Don Siegelman to the Town of Kinston last Friday, Nov. 16, concerning the Senior Citizens Center. By reading a letter from the Governor, Spicer said Kinston had been awarded \$249,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the development and renovation of a new Senior Citizens Center. The grant awarded by the Governor is 100 percent funded which means no matching funds are required of the town for the project. Holly said this announcement is filled with opportunity for the Town of Kinston, and he was very happy to be able to deliver this news. Depending upon the architect, officials said they hope to bid the project in the early part of the year. Above, Spicer and Holly help to cut the cake in celebration of the announcement.

## Elba Council appoints Dyess to serve another term with housing authority

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Tuesday night (November 13) to reappoint Peter Dyess to another term on the Elba Housing Authority. The meeting had been postponed from Monday due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Monthly bills totaling \$24,169.21 were approved for payment. They included \$5,529.81 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$5,499.67 for recreation equipment and uniforms; \$1,171.18 for asphalt mix; \$853.04 for pipe; and \$2,164.00 for advertising.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the street sign project is progressing, with Reese Street finished and East Davis ongoing.

Elba Mayor James Grimes noted receipt of a letter from

New Brockton Police arrest teenager in connection with motor vehicle break-ins

A series of interviews by the New Brockton Police Department led to the recent arrest of a New Brockton teenager in connection with some motor vehicle break-ins.

Christopher Demitrius Silas, age 18, of 303 N. John Street, New Brockton, was arrested and charged on Monday, Nov. 12, with unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property second degree.

According to police, Silas denied any connection to the

## During Elba BOE meeting

### Superintendent provides proration update

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Thursday night the Elba City School Board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks report that the school system is holding its own financially and still operating in the black, mentioning however the projected 5% proration in education student. At the conclusion of that discussion, Chairman Daniel Stephen thanked her for her comments, her interest in her child and the school system and confirmed that the Superintendent and his staff would address the issues discussed.

Weeks said the results for the Elba school system of the proposed proration would be more drastic than they had ever seen. He explained that it would

Wednesday afternoon accident sends three people to the hospital

An afternoon wreck last Wednesday at the intersection of U. S. 84 and Ala. 141 (Curtis Community) sent two people to an Opp hospital by rescue squad and a third person was airlifted to a Dothan hospital by a Ft. Rucker helicopter.

The accident happened about 3:00 p.m. when a red Nissan 200 driving West collided with a log truck driving East to Elba. The driver of the log truck, Jackie Hughes of Rt. 7, Andalusia, was unbuckled but all three people in the car were taken to the hospital.

Driver of the car was Rodney Daniel Carr, age 28, of Rt. 1, Ozark. He was taken to the Opp hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. Also taken to the Opp hospital was Carol L. Turner, also age 28, of Rt. 3, Ozark.

The most seriously injured was Bennie Joe Oliver, age 56, of 349 Troy Street, Ozark. Paramedics on the scene didn't think his injuries would be life threatening if he received immediate treatment and this victim was airlifted to a Dothan hospital by the Ft. Rucker "Flatiron" helicopter.

Both Carr and Turner were in the front seat of the car, had their seat belts fastened and the air bags deployed. Oliver was in the back seat of the car and didn't have the seat belt or air bag

## Christmas in Elba

begins Saturday, Nov. 24, with annual Christmas Festival

The holiday season is fast approaching-and to culminate the spirit, the Elba Chamber of Commerce invites all to attend the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The day's activities will be held at the historic courthouse square in Elba and will begin at 9 a.m.

The festival has been expanded this year and promises to be a fun filled day for all ages.

Entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. and run continuously throughout the day. The emcee will be Elba's own Roger Bootie.

Arts and crafts will abound

the courthouse square with

many vendors and artisans dis-

playing their merchandise.

This year the theme is

"Santa Stamps."

The chamber office will be

open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For the older children, there

will be a fast speed baseball

activity sponsored by the Elba

High School baseball team.

Children will be able to race to

the finish line at the newly

added obstacle course, and

they can feel the excitement of

participating in an enclosed environ-

ment with the all-new airborne

adventure. Finally, towering

over all the children's activities

will be the gigantic slide.

The traditional favorites for

the children also promise to be

a success this year with the Girl

Scout Troop #300 Teddy Bear

Party, as well as, pony

rides, train rides and clowns.

Consumers are urged not to

forget to turn in their "Santa

Stamps" game piece to

the chamber office or before

Friday, Nov. 23, bring them

to the Elba Chamber of Commer-

ce booth on the day of the

holiday season. All parade

onlookers are asked to bring a

nonperishable food item or a

packaged toy and place these

items on the Magical Christmas

Float as it passes by.

Immediately following the

parade, all spectators are

asked to return to the cour-

thouse square for the

All-Star Lighting Ceremo-

nies.

The lighting ceremony will

recognize Elba's top citizen

## Area Happenings

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Elba offices will be closed

Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday,

Nov. 23, in observance of the

Thanksgiving holiday. The offi-

cials will reopen on Monday,

Nov. 26, at 8 a.m. There will be

standby crews for any emergency

with water, electric, street or sewer.

To report an emergency, please

call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

The Elba Public Library will

also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday,

Nov. 23, in observance of the holiday.

### BLOOD DRIVE

An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive

will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in

Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church,

and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an

appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with

Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

### OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Human Resource Development

Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking

applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30.

If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or

Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

safety devices available.

Also responding to the accident

Elba Fire Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

White investigated the accident.

Wednesday afternoon accident